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A GLIMPSE AT THE KOOTENAY VALLEY

Rich Lands Waiting the Touch of Water to Make Them Extremely Productive

Cranbrook Herald:

It is impossible to look over the wide, flat expanse of either side of Kootenay river from Gateway to Canal Flat without feeling that this great area has an immense agricultural significance. It fills all the requirements demanded by the eye as the mind as an ideal champagne country. One's instinct insists that it is a land made for providing homes for hundreds of the quiet, peace-loving, home-keeping folk who are the mainstay of every community. A closer investigation confirms the first impression and enables one to grasp a faint idea of the practical difficulties which lie in the way of the actual development of the resources of the valley. Later on it becomes clear that, taken in the whole sense, irrigation is the basic problem which will soon demand solution on a big, practical basis; this applies as much to the west side of the river as it does to the east. Of course, nature has provided irrigation in some places, and in others the ranchers have provided themselves with systems, more or less elaborate, at their own expense. These spots flourish, and point the way to what will be the almost universal condition of the Kootenay Valley when the irrigation question is taken in hand as a public matter and adequately dealt with under Federal or Provincial auspices.

Between Sheep Creek and Bull rivers the following creeks exist: Wolf, Hanan, Lewis, Gravelly, Tracy, & Mile, & Mile, Wild Horse, Moose, Horse Shoe and Lost Creek. Of the entire number only Wild Horse falls into the Kootenay the rest sink or lose themselves, and find their level by underground courses, and come up in the form of springs in the bottom of the river. They are of no irrigable value to the land. One day it will be necessary to store the waters of these creeks by damming them at points above where they sink into the ground. The storing of these resources for storage purposes, though presenting some points of engineering difficulty will be entirely simple and inexpensive as compared with the giant irrigation schemes either now perfected, or in actual progress at present, in Montana, Idaho and different places in the States.

On the west side of the Kootenay there is a deal of very fine land though in general somewhat too heavily timbered to be attractive for farming purposes. When the proper time comes, the waters of Cherry creek, Ta-Ta creek, Shookamuck creek and Findlay creek will be used to irrigate the land which now only supports the forest growth.

The necessity for speaking a word on this matter was pressed on the writer's attention during a trip as far as Thunder Hill during the recent week-long weather. A deal has been said and written about the beauty and fertility of the Windermere country, and doubtless it deserves every word of praise it has received; but it can be asserted with all truth that the land around the Upper Columbia lake is not usually as good as what we have around Cranbrook. It is mostly a yellow, light, sandy soil with very little vegetable humus in it. It looks hungry, dry and unproductive. Its fertility is amazing when water is provided as it most abundantly is at Windfield Park, just above the Thunder Hill concentrator. Here Mr. Sauld has a wide stretch of excellent meadow on the bench above the lake, and this once its extensive mainly, if not entirely, to the system of irrigation he has devised from a small creek which comes down

from the high range behind his house. In one of the ditches from this creek, which comes right through the landscape, small trout can be seen. Another ditch flows through a flourishing fruit and vegetable garden and is then carried across the big meadows where the clover and timothy thrive splendidly. Below the meadow is the lake, blue as sapphire, beyond are the crags and splintered spires and pinnacles of the Rockies, shimmering and soaring in an Inferno of quivering heat. On the Windfield Park side, with irrigation, is contentment and fertility; on the other almost absolute sterility, except at Grainger's ranch which seems a lovely little place.

After experience of Cranbrook prices for vegetables, it was a surprising thing to see the owner of Windfield feeding excellent raisins to his stock. Last year his cows ate up the greater part of his tomatoes. He had twenty three as much as he could find here, and from appearance it will be very easy to see this year. Think of giving roses tomatoes worth, retail, here with this minute, 25c a pound. It looks like feeding cattle on dollar bills.

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Windermere Rifle Association

Following are the scores made by the Windermere Rifle Association at the fourth league match on Saturday last:

Capt. Thorald.....	26	50	60
C. Cameron.....	19	13	10-42
E. Stoddart.....	21	30	18-49
E. Clark.....	24	32	25-85
S. Craig.....	17	26	12-55
Capt. J. C. Pitts.....	28	33	23-94
A. McGregor.....	29	33	30-92
M. Jefferys.....	13	22	12-49
R. A. Kimpton.....	20	20	19-68

Edgar Stoddart secures a 2nd Class Marksman Certificate again this year, with a score of 96, 70, 90, 85-359.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

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For several years there has been agitation to have the government telegraph line extended from Windermere to Falmouth and Turner Hill, which would be a great convenience to the ranchers all along the route. It is now learned that W. A. Galtier, M.P., has indicated his willingness to have the wire supplied if the ranchers will put it up, and this will likely be done by next fall.

Chas. Hall of Butte, Montana, drove in from the south last week to search for land on which to locate. At present he is up No. 3 creek, investigating that rich section. He brought with him a saddle horse, a team and wagon, and a complete camp outfit, thus being in good shape to make a thorough examination of all parts of the valley. Other land-seekers coming here would do well to follow Mr. Hall's example, and prepare themselves for an extensive and thorough search before locating as it will pay them and perhaps save them many regrets in the years to come.

Capt. Cantley arrived at Windermere Tuesday evening with his launch Gwan and intends cruising in this part for sometime.

The Gold Commissioner has been paying the men employed on Government work since his arrival, and as a result quite a lot of money is in circulation.

R. R. Bruce and his visitors drove to Spillamachene yesterday, where the Patterson met them and took them on down the river. Mr. Bruce will spend a couple of weeks at Banff before returning home.

Gold Commissioner Griffith came up on the last boat accompanied by Mr. A. McGregor of Revelstoke, the C. P. R. bridge inspector. Since their arrival they have been making a thorough inspection of all the bridges. Mr. McGregor is here to spend his holidays and is delighted with all he has seen of the valley.

Messrs. Howard and Isaac of St. Paul arrived here Sunday night, coming over the road from Golden and examining many of the ranches along the route. It is stated they intend investing in land in valley if they can secure several thousand acres reasonably. Since their arrival they have been driving about a good deal and yesterday drove back to Spillamachene.

J. L. McKay states that he has some cherry trees on his Sinclair ranch that are now literally loaded with delicious fruit. He says he never saw, even in the East, better looking trees or fruit and advises any person who has doubts about cherries doing well in this country to take a look at his trees. When seen he could not remember the name of the cherry, he said they were just the ordinary, big, red cherry that grow in all parts of Ontario.

Chas. Miller and J. E. Bigham arrived in town Saturday, having come over the Toby creek route from a Kew. They had a very good trip over, but about eight miles from town Mr. Miller's horse got stuck in a hole and it threw him to the ground, when his foot caught in the stirrup and he was dragged some distance, receiving several cuts and bruises. Mr. Bigham seeing the trouble swung his horse across the road and the frightened horse ran into him and for a few minutes he and the two horses had a lively time rolling in the dust. However, little damage resulted and Tuesday morning they left Athlone with supplies to continue development on their mineral property on Toby creek, accompanied by Fred Kemp of Butte, Mont.

Messrs. Anderson and Deiscker arrived on the Wednesday Saturday from Carleton Place, North Dakota, and were the guests of R. R. Bruce until Wednesday, when they started back to Golden by the road. They came here to spend a few holidays and to a reporter expressed themselves as highly pleased with their trip, and they they hoped to return some day. While here they looked over the country in different directions to see the points of interest, and gave it as their opinion that when the railway is completed there will be a wonderful change effected in the valley. Speaking of irrigation and water supply Mr. Deiscker said we had the advantage of plenty of water, although it may mean a heavy expenditure to get it on to the land. In some Dakota water was no plentiful as here, but there the government is now building big irrigation ditches. He said that at his home he would supply \$5,000 for a well containing good water. Mr. Anderson said that while they would give almost any price for a mouthful of good water such as our mountain streams so beautifully supply here, yet Dakota was a wealthy country and they would soon have a good water supply in their section of the C.P.R.

Five Men Drowned

River Drivers Carried Down a Swift River to an Awful Canyon

Tuesday morning a phone message received from Spillamachene stated that five riverdrivers from Milligan's camp had been drowned in the Spillamachene river, above the canyon, Monday afternoon. Later it was learned that the names of the unfortunate men were:

Foreman Alex. Kinmore,
James Tomlinson,
J. Norris,
— Sanstrum,
— Bowman.

It appears that nine of the drivers had been working in a boat when it was decided to cross the river to loosen up a jam. The river at this point is a rushing torrent and many big boulders are to be seen in it at low water, while just below is a deep canyon. Four of the men refused to risk their lives and got out on the bank. The other five got about half way across, when evidently the boat struck a boulder, as the bottom was knocked out of it and the men thrown into the river. Without the least chance of escape they were swept down the river and it is generally believed that their bodies will never be found as the canyon is a terrible one, and their bodies were likely torn and pounded to pieces on the rocks before they got through it.

Kinmore and Tomlinson are well known throughout the valley and had been employed at this camp for eight or ten years, but the other men are not known here. The deepest regrets are expressed on all sides that these young men have met with such an awful death.

ON THE TRAIL

To-day.

Editor The Outcrop:

Sir,—Will you kindly notify the police force and detectives that I am at large on the road somewhere between Hesse and your beautiful city, and that I may fall upon you like a cypress on a hand of sheep at night. Tell your many tavern-keepers that I have an awful thirst, so that they may be able to have the "goods" upon my arrival. With loving regards to the ministers of Wilmer, I am, Yours if sober,

J. P. McKAY

POLICE COURT

The Horse Stealing Case Was Dismissed—A Lot of Cynics Evidence Heard

There was a big attendance at the Wilmer Court House last Friday when E. J. Scott, S.M., heard the case of Blake Palmer, who was charged by Capt. Thorald with stealing a horse. There were a number of witnesses called by the plaintiff, but before all the evidence of the first witness for the defence was taken the case was dismissed. R. A. Kimpton admitted selling the horse to Capt. Thorald, but said while he knew the horse was his he could not remember who he bought it from, as he bought and sold many horses and never gave or took a bill of sale. Mr. Kimpton did not remember buying any horse from C. C. McKay, but believed years ago some one else had a "fast" brand, before Mr. McKay came to the valley. Joe Levee said the brand was McKay's and then another horse with McKay's brand was brought to the court for comparison. Levee said it was the same horse and that the difference in size of the brands on the two horses was due to one being brought home as a colt and the other when fully grown. An Indian saw the brands like the same, but said both horses were belonged to Chas. Scott, who died

ten years ago and who owned the brand. The Indian said he first saw the horse 15 years ago and it was then two or three years old, but it now belonged to Kimpton. Mr. McKay said the horse brand was his and he had registered it 12 years ago and he claimed every animal that had it unless he had given a bill of sale. He said both horses at the door had the brand on and he had sold the one in dispute to Blake Palmer and had given him a bill of sale for it. The bill of sale was then produced and the case dismissed. As B. Palmer sold the horse to Alex. Ritt and it was taken from him by the police officer it is likely that some will be heard of this case when Ritt returns from the prairie.

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Mrs. Langley and her little boy came up from Golden last week and are visiting Mrs. McKay at Sinclair.

Jack Tegar returned to his home near Windermere on Sunday, by way of Cranbrook, from Calgary, where he went to take in the three days sports. He says the races were all good and that he enjoyed the trip very much.

The Vancouver World in giving an interview with W. C. Wells, M.P.P., remarks: "It is an assumption, but a safe one, that Mr. Wells will once more carry the Liberal cause to victory in the provincial elections now pending. Asked concerning the political situation as he regards it at present, Mr. Wells and his personal opinion was that the recent tour of the interior made by Premier McBride and Hon. Mr. Green was really a tour of observation, undertaken to learn what promises of success the government might have if a general election were precipitated now."

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W. P. EVANS,

Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1906.

As the raising of strawberries and other small fruits is likely to become a great business in this valley, we print the following advice from a Florida paper, that tells of a man who has already this season shipped \$2,300 worth of strawberries from two and a half acres of land, and has yet enough left to carry the receipts up to a round thousand dollars an acre:

Instances like these come every now and again to remind us that men in this section ought to stick to a thing even when it occasionally goes into eclipse. Strawberries are splendidly paying crops three seasons out of four, and yet there are men so blind that when they have met a loss in their cultivation, or failed of the great reward they expected, quit their cultivation in disgust. This has been a very favorable season, and if a man has lost three previous crops—which, by the way, he has never done, he would have made handsome money in the long run.

Lack of systematically sticking to an intelligent policy in farming is the bane of operations in every country. Following a remarkably good season like this, many men will go into berries. Next season may be only an average, and a large portion of the men in the business will be possibly disappointed in their returns. They will quit in disgust, whether the reason be the season or their own fault, and will proclaim berry raising to be a fraud. It is tolerably certain that in any business life a man must follow it steadily and study it all the time, and be perpetually increasing his knowledge and improving his methods. But somehow there seems to be an impression abroad that anybody can raise strawberries, that it requires neither knowledge nor experience—nothing but plants placed in the ground. No wonder many people fail.

The experienced berry grower will tell you that there is no business that requires more knowledge, work, attention and skill than his pursuit. The man who applies these things will win big money, and the man who tries any other method, or fails in the application of all these will make a miserable failure.

What the outlook for the fruit industry in this province is, may be judged from the fact that in six weeks the city of Winnipeg received from the South 170 carloads of fresh fruit and vegetables, or about four and a half cars for every working day. It all came from south of the International Boundary line. Most of it was composed of articles which we do not grow, and in which therefore we could not compete. But the great quantities received show that Winnipeg is a fruit consuming city, and as it is with Winnipeg so it is with all the towns in the great prairie country. The market today is not only a very large and profitable one, but it is rapidly growing. Before very many years have gone by the population will have quadrupled; towns and cities will have sprung up all over the plains, great wealth will have been created, and with opulence will come the demands of taste and luxury.

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OBSERVATIONS

BY "LITTER MAG."

It is stated on good authority that the drink habit has Russia and Germany on the down hill path. I recently saw it stated that one-third of the inmates of the lunatic asylums in Germany and Russia are victims of the drink habit, and no doubt the proportion is still larger with us because of the universal adulteration of liquors, which is not tolerated in Germany. Plain booze is bad enough, but when they mix it with wood alcohol, glucose and other poisonous things, the drunkard is on the all line down grade to the grave or to a padded cell in the mad-house. It may be that "sake," the Japanese popular drink, is a liquid murderer, but the alcohol whiskey can give it a mile the start and yet come under the wire several lengths ahead. Of some grades, two tablespoonfuls is a fatal dose, and one of its pleasant peculiarities is that if it doesn't kill you outright, it is likely to make you stone blind. Many deaths have been traced to whiskey adulterated with alcohol, and other deaths to the use of lemon and ginger extracts prepared with it instead of the more expensive grain alcohol. Human life cuts no ice with the manufacturers where it interferes with profits, and yet it has taken nearly twenty years to induce the Congress of the United States to enact a law designed to protect us against impure food, which are annually causing hundreds of thousands of deaths.

Physicians declare that last year nearly a half million children died from the use of impure foods. Dr. G. A. Baling, the health commissioner of Milwaukee, says, "People may talk of the danger of impure milk, but a physician meets with the real horror of the position. When a physician goes out to answer calls in the summer time and finds the little one dying off like flies, then the real terror of the situation is brought home. The death rate is terrible. When one stops to think that only a little precaution on the part of the dairymen will reduce this infection and save the little ones, we see where the real fault lies. There are many farmers whose milk will show a half million and up to two million bacteria to the cubic centimetre and a half pint will reach the billions. Here is the danger. The cause is nothing but uncleanness. The farmers do their milking in unclean barns, their cows are not clean, they pour the milk into unclean cans, and allow them to stand in the barn until the milking is all finished. Then the cans are set aside until the next day, when the carrier gets them and delivers them to the city. At this date it is not necessary to say that the milk is fairly alive with bacteria. A child drinks this, and death is practically certain.

Harry B. Wamsley, of Kansas City, Mo., who was the champion of the pure food bill in the last United States legislature, says: "By staying a bill of fare in a restaurant, not long ago, I found that the average man takes 42 doses of poison at every meal he eats. Fifty per cent of the deaths that take place in this country are the direct results of impure and dishonest foods.

The packers are not alone to blame. It is practically impossible to get any pure food in this country. If President Roosevelt is really sincere in his desire to prevent such suicide in this country, he should use his influence to make Congress enact laws which will save the lives of those who are now alive instead of trying to induce us to create more children, who are brought into this world only to be poisoned by impure foods and die like flies."

Perhaps you observe that the wits are getting considerably fat out of the rotten meat scandal. Here are some rhymes they have ground out:

Little drops of refuse, little grains of dope,
 Make the boneless chicken and the scented soap.

Sing a song of acids,
 A bucket full of dye;
 Four and twenty bob-vul,
 Soaked in alkali;
 When the mess is cooking,
 Shake the borax can;
 Isn't that a dainty dish,
 To set before a man?

Twinkle, twinkle, pointed ham,
 You're a mighty clever sham;
 Bits of garbage, old and dried,
 Flavored with formaldehyde;
 When you're in the picnic lunch,

You're a lovely thing to munch;
 Then you twinkle sure enough,
 Twinkle, twinkle, filthy stuff.

Croppings

It is really not surprising that the members of the Golden Board of Trade have informed the Chicago company owning the Golden Star that they will withdraw their patronage from that paper unless a change is made in the policy of management. One member says the present manager has reached the limit and the business men are sick and tired of having their town represented as full of boom-fighters on a par with tramp printers.

Nelson News: A fruit grower, resident not a great distance from Nelson, whose name we are not at liberty to publish, has this season cleared \$5,500 from a three and one-fifth acre patch of strawberries. The crop was below the average owing to the frosts in the early spring. The demand for strawberries is far in excess of the present capabilities of Kootenay fruit growers to supply and no field of enterprise offers more profitable returns and, generally speaking, more pleasing conditions of labor, than the cultivation of fruit.

"Little" Harry Munson has written—or rather got someone to write for him—the Golden Star a letter containing a virulent attack on The Outcrop. No one pays any attention to this little vampire, who has showed nearly every man and woman from Golden south at one time or another. This time Harry is abusive because of an item in The Outcrop that referred to his meanness as cook at the No. 3 creek road camp, in refusing men leaving the work and ranchers passing by anything to eat, and he cries like a peevish child because one of the men gave our reporter a piece of pie when he passed by. Harry is as good hearted a little fellow as ever lived but when he gets angry—which he is about half the time—it is amazing how much rancor he can get out of so small a frame.

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TIMBER LICENSES.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post planted north of 20 mile post on Horse Thief creek wagon road and south of the creek, thence east 80 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 40 chains to point of commencement. Dated June 14th, 1906. B. S. GALLOP.

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Commencing at a post planted on the south side of Horse Thief creek, one-half mile below the North Fork, thence west 80 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 20 chains to place of commencement. Dated June 14th, 1906. B. S. GALLOP.

NOTICE

Present to the judgment will offer for sale by public auction at the Court House, Wilmer, B. C., on Friday, the 27th day of July, 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, all the title and interest of Queen in the following lands, to-wit: Lot 20, Block 1, in the Township of Wilmer, Range 1, and Lot 20, Block 1, in the Township of Wilmer, Range 1, and Lot 20, Block 1, in the Township of Wilmer, Range 1, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the said Queen in the 10th day of April, 1906, for the sum of \$250 and costs, a certificate of which judgment was registered on the 10th day of April, 1906. The only insurance recorded against said lands. Dated at Wilmer, B. C., June 14th, 1906. R. E. HAMBLEY, Sheriff North Kootenay.

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